

## **Criteria for Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award**

Below is the criteria to be applied by the head of the fire department wishing to nominate any firefighter (call, career, volunteer) for a length of service award. Please review all criteria carefully before submitting nomination for consideration. All nominees must have 20 or more years of service in Massachusetts or out-of-state (given in five-year increments) and be a member in good standing as a call, career or volunteer firefighter.

### Massachusetts Call Firefighter Award

Service may include:

- Call firefighter service in one or more departments.
- Prior service as a volunteer or career firefighter in the same or any other department.

### Massachusetts Career Firefighter Award

Service may include:

- Prior service as volunteer or call firefighter in the same department.
- Prior service as a career firefighter in any other fire department.

### Massachusetts Volunteer Firefighter Award

Service may include:

- Volunteer or call firefighter service in one or more department(s).
- Prior service as a call or career firefighter in the same or any other department.

This length of service award may not include years served as an auxiliary or military firefighter and is applicable only to active Massachusetts firefighters. All information used in applying the above criteria is subject to verification and approval by the current head of the fire department. Any firefighter aggrieved by the decision of the chief may submit an appeal for reconsideration form.

Note: No person convicted of any felony crime in any state or under the laws of any country shall be eligible for the Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award.